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WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1909.

The pistol toters will be scarce after May 17th. The Johnson bill goes into effect on that date, and will be enforced in all sections of the state.

There will be no advance copies of the Acts of the Legislature for the session of 1909. The concurrent resolution providing, as had heretofore been usual, for such advance copies was vetoed by Governor Dawson. The people therefore will not have access to the new laws in an authoritative form for several months to come.

ANOTHER great storm, spreading death and disaster over an immense area demonstrates how completely yet man is under the domination of the elements. Of the origin, extent or periodicity of such visitations he has hardly any more scientific conceptions than his savage ancestors. And there seem to be so many of us that the comparatively few which each stricken community has lost scarcely make any impression such as would be the case had all the victims of the last few days' weather been taken from one small area.

BEGINNING with the last issue, the size of the REGISTER was increased from five to six columns and the columns made longer, making it a standard size, thus allowing us more space for news matter. It is pleasing to us to note the appreciation of our readers made manifest by the large number of new subscribers and renewals received since the change was made. It is our intention to give all the news, all the time, without fear or favor and to make this paper a favorite of all. Considerable money has been expended in new material, etc., and additional expenditure for other improvements will be made from time to time as the necessities of the business may require.

MOTHER.

By J. HOWARD GIBBONS.

There is a name,
Ah! such a name,
Around which all others hover;
Which all revere
As sweet and dear,
The sacred name of mother.
In childhood's day,
'Midst mirth and play,
When nothing does us bother;
Oft not we hear,
So sweet and clear,
The warning voice of mother.
When youth is on
And childhood's gone;
And love begins to tether;
If we would turn
What could we learn
From the advice of mother!
But when as men
What she is then
Has tongue the power to utter?
What thoughts arise
As moments fly,
Of her who is our mother!

When all is clear
And time so near
When we shall lose our mother:
Oh! what will we
When parted be,
Do here without a mother?

To mother dear
Be always near,
And not from her be riven:
And write that name
With might and main
On earth, in sky and heaven.

Short-Lived Friendship.
Friendship that flames goes out in a
dash.—Young.

COURT NEWS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY COURT FOR APRIL TERM.

The report of the vacation work of R. E. Mitchell, Clerk of this court was confirmed.

The will of James A. Rayburn, deceased, was proved and ordered to be recorded.

Charles T. Rayburn qualified as executor of the last will and testament of James A. Rayburn, and gave bond in the penalty of \$1500 with F. G. Musgrave as surety. T. H. Fisher, Ottie Zuspan and John Bland were named as appraisers of the personal estate.

John E. Beller, Commissioner of accounts, reported to the court settlements before him as follows:

John W. English, administrator of Robert S. Hawkins, deceased; James R. Henry, guardian for Maria C. Boster; Wm. Harry, Guardian for Wm. E. Harry; Chas. C. Simpkins, guardian for John T. Jordan and Goldie M. Jordan; John A. Kelso, guardian for Alice McKinley Gwynn; T. W. Clendenin, guardian for Zora M. Vansickle; Mathew Jaques, guardian for William C. Childers. All of which were ordered to be recorded and filed.

F. G. Musgrave reported the following settlements:

J. H. Jenkins, committee of C. E. Lunsford, and John H. Taylor, administrator of J. H. Taylor, deceased. Ordered to be recorded and filed.

H. R. Howard settlements as follows: Point Pleasant Trust Company, administrator of Byrd Hill, deceased, and Carrie Somerville, administratrix of the estate of Sam Somerville, deceased. Ordered to be recorded and filed.

F. J. Humphreys qualified as guardian for Wilburn Hall. Bond \$50, with Rankin Wiley as surety.

Bertha Roush qualified as guardian for Iva Roush, Florence Roush, Velma Roush and Della Roush, infant children of John G. Roush, deceased, and gave bond in the penalty of \$500, with Moses Roush as surety.

W. W. Jackson qualified as guardian for the Lemaster children. Bond \$5. James Toles, surety.

Ella Chambers qualified as committee for L. F. Fry. Bond \$1,000. John P. Austin, surety.

Charles Conrad qualified as guardian for Andrew and Joseph Gruesser, infant children of Daniel Gruesser, deceased. Bond \$100. Chriss Weiss surety.

John P. Austin, Sheriff, reported \$68.99 received from sale of old iron at jail.

On petition of J. J. Jordan and others for a road to be established in Hannan and Clendenin districts, it is ordered that W. H. Vaught, W. W. Jackson and Bird Stone view the ground through which said proposed road will pass and report their findings to court.

The County Clerk was authorized to issue hotel license to Wm. Carsey, at Letart.

The road surveyor of precinct No. 1, Arbuckle district, was directed to open and construct the new road through the lands of Mary M. Thornburg and Newton Long as per recent survey as ordered by the County Court.

W. A. Fowler was appointed surveyor of road precinct No. 4 in Robinson district, in lieu of R. E. Fowler, resigned.

The petition of J. V. Stockton and others, asking for change of road through the lands of Mrs. George Wallace, and bridge or concrete arch over the lower Nine Mile Creek in Arbuckle district, was received and filed.

The district line between Cooper and Graham districts, was ordered changed so as to place L. D. Roush and W. R. Pickens in Graham District instead of in Cooper district as now located.

Charles Riffle, of Cologne district, was granted an exoneration of \$2.10 erroneous taxes assessed against a 2

acre lot valued at \$220, when said lot should have been assessed at only \$16.

Anna B. Smith gave bond, in the penalty of \$1,000, with C. F. Thomas, surety, as ferryman at Leon.

The Clerk was authorized to issue hotel license to G. E. Smith at Leon.

John Bland was appointed surveyor of road precinct No. 5, in Robinson district, in lieu of H. W. Fisher, removed from State.

James R. Gaskins gave bond in the penalty of \$3500, as Constable in the Lewis district, with W. C. Bird, Geo. E. Childs, Milton Selby and Ashbell Hughes as sureties.

The will of John Troeger, deceased, was proved and ordered to be recorded. E. J. Somerville qualified as executor of said will and gave bond in the penalty of \$7,500, and also qualified as trustee of a part of the decedent's property. Bond \$17,500 with United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. as surety on each bond. Appraisers appointed: W. E. Ruttenutter, F. E. Bletner, Virgil A. Lewis, Ed. Williams and J. W. Natross.

Virgil A. Lewis was granted permission to enclose, mark and beautify the grave of the Indian Chief Cornstalk, in the Court House yard.

The court ordered the "personal property books" for 1863 sent to Charleston to be examined by the Attorney General for the purpose of gaining evidence in favor of West Virginia in the "Virginia Debt" case.

It was ordered that the supplies for county officials be purchased by direction of the court. Otherwise not to be paid for by the court.

John A. Black was granted permission to obtain a restaurant license at New Haven.

Lewis Rayburn appointed road surveyor of precinct Nos. 7 and 8 in Robinson district, in lieu of Bennett Fowler, deceased.

The following claims were allowed:

ROAD FUND.	
Arbuckle District.....	\$8.60
Clendenin.....	34.60
Cologne.....	1.75
Cooper.....	75.20
Graham.....	40.70
Lewis.....	35.75
Robinson.....	207.85
Waggener.....	59.70
Total,	\$464.75

County Fund.....	\$4,533.93
General School Fund.....	17.25
Poor Fund.....	634.14

Administrators appointed since the adjournment of County Court, April 29th.

Clark Sargent, administrator of Ruth Bowcott, deceased; bond penalty, \$400; Lewis Bowcott, surety.

Reuben McDaniel, administrator of George Jones, deceased; bond penalty, \$200; J. M. Jones, surety.

E. M. Eckard, administrator of Thomas J. Eckard, deceased; bond in penalty of \$1,000; surety, W. Lawson. Appraisers, C. H. McCoy, Charles Love, and Robert See.

GENERAL BURLEW RE-APPOINTED.

Governor Glascock announced last Friday, the re-appointment of General Noyes S. Burlew, as Adjutant General of the state guard.

Former assistant general C. C. Pierce, whose office was abolished at the last session of the legislature, will be retained in the office of the adjutant general.

Col. C. N. Simms will be succeeded in the office as bookkeeper, by James I. Pratt, of Charleston.

We are glad to see Warren Whaley back in the newspaper harness as the responsible head of the revived Point Pleasant Register, the paper founded by the late George W. Tippet and managed by him until his death. Mr. Whaley has long been in the harness and with his experience and industry we expect to see the Register become bigger and better than ever.—Parkersburg Sentinel.

The first excursion to Parkersburg this spring will be run Sunday over the B. & O.

The best corsets are at Mrs. L. J. Williamson's. 2t.

MAY WEATHER

PROGNOSTICATIONS OF REV. IRA R. HICKS FOR MAY.

Rev. Hicks, the St. Louis weather man, has this to say about weather probabilities, possibilities and more or less certainties for May.

"A reactionary storm period is in progress as May comes on. Low barometer, cloudiness and rain will pass eastwardly over the country from the 1st to the 3rd, breaking into electrical storms in many localities on the 2d. The reaction to higher barometer, weather, will follow in regular order immediately behind these storm areas.

"A regular storm period is central on the 5th, covering the 4th, 6th and 8th. By the 5th western sections will show a decided rise in temperature, with a corresponding fall of the barometer. Cloudiness and rain will attend, and more promptly eastward over the country during the 6th, 7th and 8th. A decided change to cooler, with probable frost at night, will set in behind the storms to the northwest. About the 7th, and during the 8th, 9th and 10th this change to fair, cooler weather will follow close on the western sides of the storm areas, reaching in its progress most parts of the Atlantic coast. If seismic shakes are to occur during the first half of May in every probability they will fall with three days of the 5th, or during the moon's sweep from the celestial equator on the 2d to its greatest declination south on the 8th.

"A reactionary storm period falls on the 11th, 12th and 13th, and but for the fact that all central parts of our continent are in the focus of solar energy, storm-producing causes are about at the minimum at this period. The barometer will react to higher, and change to decidedly cooler will appear from about the 12th to the 15th. It is very common for frosts to occur in most parts to the northwest between the 10th and 15th of May, but there are no decided probabilities of heavy frosts at this time.

"A regular storm period will be in force from the 15th to the 20th, having its center on the 18th. Sudden change to very warm will appear westward on the 15th, attended by falling barometer and other decided indications of coming storms. These conditions will widen in extent, and grow more serious as they move eastward, causing a series of heavy rain, wind and thunder storms from about the 16th to the 20th.

"A reactionary storm period is central on the 23d, 24th and 25th, possibly cooler about the 26th and 27th.

"A regular storm period covers the 28th to the 31st, being central on the 29th. The outlook for May this year seems better and more placid, upon the whole, than for two or three years past."

T. J. ARTHUR DEAD.

Mr. T. J. Arthur, of Henderson, died at his home on Saturday, May 1, after a protracted sickness. The deceased was about thirty-six years of age, was a merchant at the time of his death, although prior to that he had been a mate on the river for many years, and was a good man at that service. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and of the Christian Church. His funeral on last Monday, was conducted by Rev. Pullen, of Henderson, and was largely attended. At the last election he was elected recorder of the town of Henderson, and acted as such until he was compelled to resign that position on account of his last illness. The funeral service was held at the M. E. Church of Henderson, and was attended by the members of the Jr. O. U. A. M., which turned out in a body. Mr. Arthur leaves a wife and a daughter about seven years old, and many friends to mourn his loss.

Kabo Corsets one of the best on the market, at Mrs. L. J. Williamson's. 2t.

Mrs. Earl Reynolds returned home Monday, after a week's visit with her mother at Mason.

A Bayou That Was Larger Than the Mississippi.

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There is a part of the present City Hall park in New Orleans which was formerly called the Oaks and was a famous duelling ground. Lying on the noted shell road to Lake Pontchartrain, not far from the city, yet deserted, it afforded a convenient spot for the duels so frequent among the creoles.

Often when two rivals wished to conceal the cause of their quarrel they would invent reasons, usually absurd. For instance, one would declare that the other's hair was red when it was raven black or that the sun revolved around the earth instead of vice versa. It was during a winter somewhere about 1850 that Miss Caroline Dickinson, visiting her aunt, Mme. La Tour, in New Orleans, took the place socially by storm. Though beautiful, her character, set, so to speak, in her charming manners, won the hearts of many of the young bloods of the Crescent City. Among them were Gaston L'Hommiedieu, recently from Paris, and Elliot Whitford, whose father had originally gone there from Virginia. Neither could feel any confidence in having secured the lady's favor, but each was jealous of the other. The truth was that Miss Dickinson preferred Mr. Whitford.

One morning about 2 o'clock Mme. La Tour entered her niece's bedroom. They had been to some entertainment, had sat up late talking it over and had a few minutes before parted for the night. Miss Dickinson had begun to disrobe.

"My dear," said her aunt, "your uncle has just come in from the club with some news which may interest you. M. L'Hommiedieu and M. Whitford are going to meet at 4 o'clock—dawn—at the Oaks, and you are the cause of the meeting."

"The news does interest me," replied the girl, with dismay. "Suppose one of them should be killed?"

"It would facilitate your making a choice between them," replied her aunt.

"They shall not fight on my account," replied Miss Dickinson. "I'm going on to the ground to stop them."

"None?"

"No, aunt, you are going with me."

An hour later a carriage driven by Mme. La Tour, containing the two women, was speeding along the shell road. The moon, which was three-quarters full, rendered the road less difficult to follow at night, though, being white, it was distinguishable at any time. Just as a faint streak appeared in the east the carriage entered the Oaks and pulled up near what had often been pointed out to Mme. La Tour as the duelling ground. Presently a carriage rolled up to the historic spot, followed by another, and by the early twilight two parties of men were seen conferring as to the placing of the principals in the coming fight.

"Who's the man with the box under his arm?" asked Miss Dickinson.

"Dr. Jules Rabidoux. He is always called upon on such occasions."

"Heavens! How horrible! What abominable customs you have here! And the man with the bundle of sticks—who is he?"

"Those are not sticks; they are rapiers. See, the principals are taking position."

The two women alighted and walked cautiously toward the duellists. The oak still cast sufficient shadow to conceal their advance. Suddenly as there was a flash of steel Miss Dickinson, walking in advance of her aunt, appeared on the scene. Both contestants lowered the points of their rapiers and stood looking at her with astonishment.

"Gentlemen," she said, "may I ask the occasion of this meeting?"

There was no reply for a time; then one of the seconds stepped forward and, bowing profoundly, said:

"M. L'Hommiedieu, mademoiselle, has asserted that the Seine is larger than the Mississippi. This M. Whitford considered an insult to our noble river and replied that the Bayou Lafourche is larger than the Seine. Thereupon M. L'Hommiedieu in defense of la belle riviere of France challenged M. Whitford."

"I am astonished," said Miss Dickinson, "that two gentlemen should quarrel about such an absurdity. Of course the Seine is not larger than the Mississippi."

"Mademoiselle," said L'Hommiedieu. "I accept your decision. If you also decide that the Bayou Lafourche is larger than the Seine, I will apologize to M. Whitford."

"And if I decide that the Seine is larger than the bayou?"

"That, mademoiselle, I should consider a great blessing."

"And this affair will cease?"

"That is for M. Whitford to say."

"And how would you decide that?" asked the lady, turning to Whitford.

"How would I decide that? Why, I should then feel obliged to enforce my opinion in favor of the bayou at the point of the sword."

"Nonsense!"

The two men, as if by mutual consent, raised their swords for the purpose of renewing the contest.

"One moment," said Miss Dickinson.

"Cannot you gentlemen be induced to forego this encounter without my deciding the point of dispute?"

"No," replied both at once.

"Well, then," she said in an almost inaudible voice, "the bayou is larger than the Seine."

M. L'Hommiedieu made a graceful apology to Mr. Whitford, and the same day the engagement of the latter with Miss Dickinson was announced.

NORMAN B. WHITE.

BRIMFUL OF ROMANCE.

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My dear, I have to announce my engagement. I am happy to say that it is not one of those practical affairs so common among people of our degree, but a real, genuine romance.

You may remember, one winter four years ago at St. Petersburg, how the American minister took pains to introduce us everywhere and how we were received even at the Winter palace. This much you know; but, though you are my bosom friend, it is all you know, and there is a great deal more to come. At the Winter palace, of course, I saw many of the young bloods of the empire and dined with them too. They were all very polite, and I found myself, an American without a title, receiving as much attention as any of the countesses or baronesses.

We became very intimate at the American minister's, and one evening while I was at the embassy a young man passed me in the hall who had called upon the minister and whom I recognized as one of the men who had favored me in the cotillon at the Winter palace. He did not appear to recognize me—indeed, he seemed very distrustful and was hurrying into the minister's private office. The same evening the minister told us that a young nobleman had called on him with a very singular request. He was implicated in a political affair that would send him to Siberia if it was discovered and was sure to be known within a few days. He asked the minister to give him a passport to America. This was impossible, the minister said, though I didn't understand why. Later I was told that the young man had been sent to Siberia for life. Think how mean it was of the minister not to have given him the passport! It would have saved him from a fate worse than death.

The scene changes. I am in America. I have forgotten much of my winter's experiences in Russia, for three years have passed since then. But I have not forgotten the young man who was sent to Siberia because our minister wouldn't give him a pass. I am in our touring car, taking a morning sixty mile spin, and am thinking of the poor prisoner at the time. Turning a sharp bend in the road, the chauffeur reduced the speed, going very slowly, when suddenly I saw a man standing in front of the car pointing a revolver at us. He ordered the chauffeur to stop, which he was obliged to do or be killed, and, coming to the side of the car, he said to me:

"You are rich. I want \$5,000. Give it to me or you are a dead woman."

What did I do? I fainted. When I revived the robber was sitting beside the chauffeur, holding his revolver where he could use it at a moment's notice. As soon as he saw that I had opened my eyes he said to me:

"Your man told me that you hadn't much with you. He has promised to take us all to your home, which he says is a few miles up the road, and you are to get me the money. If he doesn't I'll kill both of you."

"It's the only way to save our lives," said the chauffeur.

The chauffeur was a man of great strength, but what could he do with an armed man? I noticed that he was increasing the speed, and we were soon going at the machine's full capacity. Presently the road veered slightly, but enough to sway the robber. All of a sudden the chauffeur partly turned, caught the robber's hand with which he was holding himself in his seat, disengaged it, then threw his whole weight against the robber, who went head downward on to the road. I thought the machine was going over, but the chauffeur held the steering gear with his right hand and kept control.

I looked back and saw a horrid mass in the road. It was immovable, and I knew the creature was either dead or badly hurt, for we must have been going at a frightful rate.

I had been saved first by the presence of mind and afterward by the ingenuity and daring of the chauffeur. Leaving the robber to his fate, we pressed on, turned at the first road leading backward and in an hour drew up under the porte-cochere at home. I had so far recovered from the shock that I was able to walk into the house without assistance.

When father came and learned all about our escape he called the chauffeur into the library. I was there, and father said to me:

"How shall we reward him, pet?"

What was father's astonishment when I said, "With your permission, papa, I will reward him myself."

Then, seeing the pale father felt with his surprise—for it was evident the case was one of those where a girl loves far beneath her—I continued:

"He may be a chauffeur, papa, dear, but he is a nobleman. I once danced in the cotillon with him in the Winter palace at St. Petersburg. He became involved in a political conspiracy, was sent to Siberia, escaped and made his way to America. The day you hired him for a chauffeur I recognized him, though he did not remember me. There has been lovemaking, papa, I admit, but it is your daughter who has done it, not your chauffeur. But let me introduce him under his own name and title, Count Alexis Ivan Alexandrovitch, formerly of the Emperor Nicholas' household guard."

Now, don't you think my affair is very romantic and that I have concealed the denouement very well? When you send your congratulations tell me if you knew how my story was going to end.

THEODORE C. HOLT.